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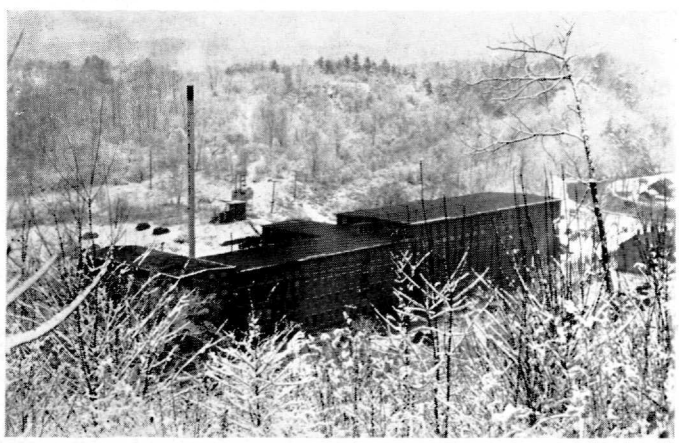
Our Brown Street plant. Will business pick up enough in 1939 to necessitate opening it?

LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD

DECREASE in our activity which started in the Fall of 1937 continued through the first eight months of 1938 and not until October did sales this year exceed sales for the corresponding month of the year previous.



1939 snow brings this wintery scene of our main plant.

As this was the first contraction in annual sales after a period of expansion lasting almost five years, it involved some serious problems and adjustments.

Annual sales for 1938 were 30% off as compared with 1937. There was also a softening of prices which amounted to more than 25% in some cases and this in spite of the fact that it has been a continuous policy of our company to resist selling below cost as being fundamentally an unsound business policy.

The sales department was substantially assisted by the plant in meeting this situation by numerous improvements in manufacturing processes, equipment, jigs and fixtures. And, through the introduction of several new items of manufacture including push button tuning assemblies, silvered mica condensers, liquid compensators and type DX-2 small etched tubular dry electrolytic condensers.

The essential and vital importance of continuous and uninterrupted research and engineering is indicated by the astonishing fact that none of the items which made up our entire sales in 1928, 1929 and 1930 contributed to our 1938 sales. In other words, if we had stopped de-

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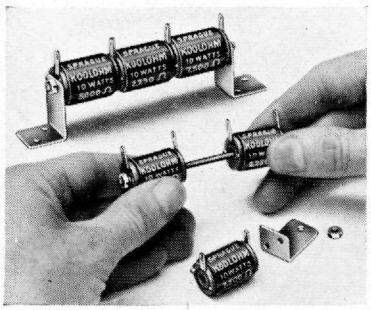
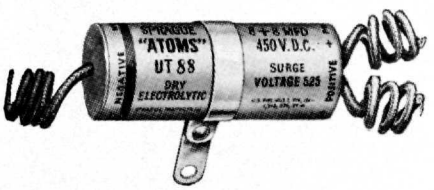
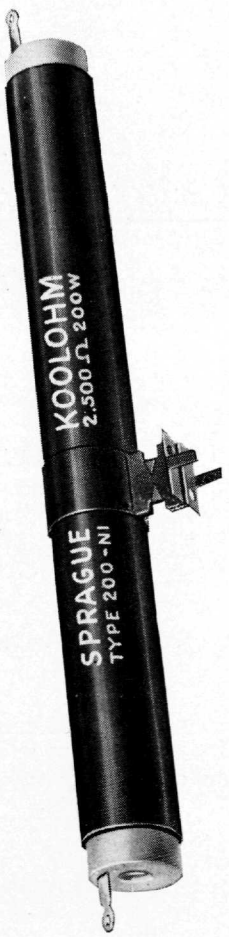


Above: 10-Watt Voltage — Divider Resistor Sections.



Above: Dual 450 volt new, small etched Dry Electrolytic Tubular Condensers.

Above: 50-Watt Fixed Resistor.



At left: 200-Watt Fixed Resistor.

Above: 25-Volt (Top) and 450-Volt (Below) aluminum cased (with outer cardboard tube), new, small etched Dry Electrolytic Tubular Condensers.

LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD (Continued)

velopment and research in 1930 our 1938 sales would have been zero. Similarly, new items introduced in 1931, 1932, 1933 and 1934 contributed only about one-half of our 1938 sales volume, so that if research and engineering had been terminated in 1934 our 1938 sales would have been reduced to about one-half of the actual sales volume during the year. Condensers accounting for the balance of 1938 sales volume were developed as recently as 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938.

This clearly shows why we must continue an aggressive development program even during periods of relatively low volume, and, believe it or not, we still have as many or more new items coming along in the laboratory as at any time in our past experience.

Summarizing briefly the year 1938, the cooperation of all hands made possible a difficult adjustment to a lower total volume for 1938 at lower prices and with results which made substantial extra payments possible under our Wage Adjustment Plan, and left our company in a sound position to continue necessary new developments and to handle any additional business, — which may result not only from improved general business but also as the result of the introduction of new items now under development and in improvement in our particular competitive situation in the industry.

Looking ahead towards 1939, the management expects an increased volume amounting to about 20% over 1938. We hope the larger portion of this increase will come in the first half of the year in order to equalize employment. Some of this will be due to improvement in general business, but we have it in us to make a substantial part the result of our own efforts and regardless of general business. We have a young, active, ambitious, aggressive organization — at work and at play — of which I am very proud. A large number of new developments are under way and our ambition is to sell and manufacture so many condensers each day that our present plant won't hold us and we will have to flow over into the Brown Street plant. In spite of past progress there is still much to be done to better integrate and coordinate all departments so that the "Head, Hands, Body and Feet" of our organization will all coordinate smoothly and towards the same goal, — so necessary for progress in any sport or athletic competition and equally important in business. Each part of the body performs a different function, but they must be coordinated to assist each other to win, and similarly, each part of our organization must perform its function in close cooperation with every other part in order to hit the ball hard during 1939.

In closing let me wish each one of you the Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year.

R. C. Sprague

President.

ABOUT SOME NEW ITEMS IN OUR PRESENT LINE OF PRODUCTS

Shown opposite are three items included in our new resistor line. Similar resistors manufactured by others are "space wound" on an insulating tube so that no turn touches any other turn. The whole is coated with a moisture resisting cement or a baked enamel to prevent shifting of the turns, to protect the unit from mechanical abrasion and moisture. As such resistors must be single layer wound, very fine wire is used in the higher resistance values which makes it difficult to obtain current-carrying capacity. In our KOOLOHM resistors a ceramic insulation is electro-chemically applied to the wire itself so space winding can be eliminated and layer winding included in the design of the resistors. This provides more certain insulation between turns, and allows the use of larger diameter wire. These resistors will be offered first and gradually to the jobber trade through Sprague Products, as design and manufacturing features of all the types have not yet been worked out. There is ahead of us here a real job for both our engineering and manufacturing divisions and before these resistors will be available for large volume manufacture.

Also shown are single and dual type DX-2 small etched tubular dry electrolytic condensers. Large production of these units started early in the year and we supplied them to a number of our customers. They were used particularly in small, compact radios and because of their small size and lower cost. We have just started production on a new item; our single adjusted tuning assembly (not shown), which substitutes a single adjustment for two adjustments previously required for setting stations on most push button tuning arrangements, and makes it possible to set up stations at home without previous technical experience.

SPEAKING FOR THE SHOP

At this time everyone is interested in predictions and forecasts for the New Year. It is not our job in the Production Gang to make those prophecies — it is our job to plug away steadily at bettering them. And to do this, no matter what conditions are passed down to us.

For, many of the situations we have to meet in the course of a year are not of our choosing. The amount of work on hand is set by the buying of the man in the street, through the radio set manufacturer, and on to us as a supplier of their parts. Most parts are to each customer's special design, and frequently altered, so that we cannot lay up a stock in dull months. The product itself is relatively new, compared to that of our neighbor plants, and is subject to continuous changes in material parts, design, process, equipment and layout. "There is nothing constant, but change" — certainly seems to be true of our plant.

It takes a young and wide-awake crew to stay in our game. Sometimes that spirit works too fast. An inconvenience or discomfort of the moment may look as big as creation, but, experience shows that we do iron it out in the long run. Many a big wrinkle of the day is compensated for when you get the "year-round view" of it. Looking back, most of us will realize that, in spite of short ups and downs, we have made steady progress — in turning out a better product and in turning it out under steadily improved working conditions. One of the biggest satisfactions in 1938 was the calling back in the Fall of every last previous employee still available, and brand new ones to boot, after the drastic early-year layoffs.

And that shop spirit of ours is also what turns to, on many a hard task or impossible rush and produces the goods time and time again. Once it understands the job in hand — a more willing and competent crew than ours can't be had. Without it we could not have come this far nor hope to keep on — to become a nationally known electrical parts supplier.

So — whether the headaches ahead are reappearing — old ones or new ones to be served up by 1939 — our only prophecy for the New Year is that we will keep on licking them.

Vice-President and Factory Manager.

CARLETON SHUGG

"OLDTIMERS" AT SPRAGUE

Sprague Specialties can certainly boast of its youth, but that does not prevent us from being proud of the "veterans" in our plant.

And so we have further pictures of our "old-timers".

Girls with us since 1930 or longer. Front row, left to right: Sylvia Kirby, Beatrice Pierce, Leda King, Mary Roberts, Margaret Anderson, Josephine Convery, Florence Beaudin, Mary Conrad. **Top row:** Beatrice O'Brien, Theresa Vetro, Jennie Mazza, Lillian Colo, Laura LaFebre, Alma Haley, Edna Laliberte, Anna Cronin.

Men with us since 1930 or longer: Front row, left to right: Sam Troia, Ray Cutler, Earl Langner, Thomas Dufraine, Jack Fleury, Arthur Randall. **Top row:** Daniel Kimball, Roy Trottier, Gerald Steinberg, Lawrence Dufraine, Ralph Sherman.

Sprague "Eight Years or Better" Girls. See article at left.

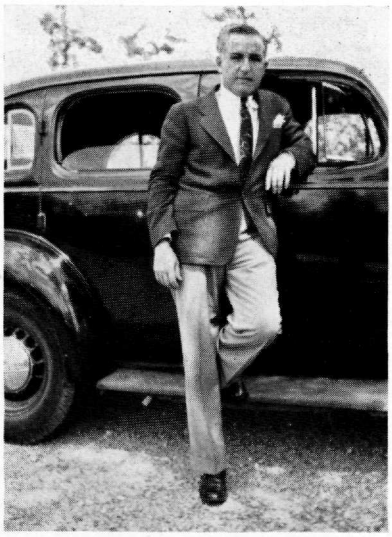
With the Company since 1930 or before. For names see item at left.

DO YOU KNOW . . ?

That in many instances condenser customers can today get six times as much for their dollar as they did ten years ago. For example, an old price list of one of our early competitors sent in by Mr. G. F. Petry, our Philadelphia representative, shows an 8 mfd. 150 volt wet electrolytic condenser then sold for $1.25. Present price is less than $.20! ! ! !

TENTH ANNIVERSARY FOR FRED McNAMARA

A Tenth Anniversary of our purchasing agent, Frederick W. McNamara, took place January 3rd. To celebrate the occasion, he was presented with a "life-long" fountain pen and pencil set by Mr. Sprague in the presence of our Treasurer, Mr. G. B. Flood, Mr. Shugg and Dr. Preston Robinson, Chief Engineer.



SPRAGUE FIELD SALESMAN

I. J. Kahan, pictured above, is traveling representative for Sprague retail sales working out of Chicago. He has seen the U. S. from Coast to Coast and border to border and covering over a quarter million miles in five years establishing and contacting jobbers in the trade. His hobby is tipping train porters and collecting hotel keys. He loves arranging Sprague stock on Jobber's shelves. Wins dimes from Sprague's S. B. Darmstader at the prize fights.

PRE-TUNER DEPARTMENT AT WORK

They are, from left to right: Alma Zanette, Dorothy Dupuis, Doris Bemis, Della Keating, Dorothy Davis, Mabel Lewitt, Katherine Ferrara, Phyllis Fleury, Eleanor Carpenter, Frances Detursi, Olga Breneman, Oliver Ledger, Marion Strange.

SPRAGUE'S "IDEA MEN" OF 1938

Suggestion Award Winners! The above are winners of cash awards given for usable suggestions during 1938. The total amount was two hundred dollars, with John Puppolo top man. **From left to right they are:** James Knox, Raymond Fawcett, Frank Morandi, John Puppolo, Thomas Dufraine, Harry Cassidy, Jr., William Landry, Charles McCann.

"CAN WE HELP IT?"

By Marian Scarbeau, Sample Dept.

I

The Sample Department's the place to be
With all of us fellers and gals;
We're serious, busy, laughing and gay
And we're always the best of pals.

II

Take Ray Calvi, for instance, a pretty good lad
In his line of work, he's a wow,
He's a joker that's true, but I'm telling you
You should hear him when he starts a row.

III

Don't look now but Gamari, he's Hank to his friends,
Is the craziest guy that I've met;
But he does his work fine, in that old Kalker line,
He's a good kid, on that you can bet.

IV

And Rita Lapine is a girl good and kind,
Cupid struck her when she was a child;
She rolls up the "drys" without grumbles or sighs;
Her disposition is certainly mild.

V

Mary Bartlett's the gal who is always a pal,
She is witty when everyone's sad;
Her stamping's the kind that is food for the mind,
You never see Mary get mad.

VI

Jack Callahan too is a guy who will do
His work without frowning or fuss,
He gets his "papers" done, and yet he has fun;
He's an ace among aces with us.

VII

Ray Bishop's the lad, you can never get mad
No matter what happens at work;
He has a girl on his mind, yet he isn't the kind
Who will allow her his duty to shirk.

VIII

Emma Underwood too is a gal with us few
Who is never gloomy or glum;
She gets in her half of a joke or a laugh
And at work she isn't so dumb!

IX

Pete Mancuso's a "whiz" at his end of the "biz"
He's in and out all the day long,
He's a joker you bet, a big wrestling "vet";
Does he ever do anything wrong?

X

Marian Scarbeau is back after a recess it's true,
She is doing her bit day by day;
She's as cracked as the rest, but she's doing her best
In her own peculiar way.

XI

Howard Sherman, our foreman, is one of the best,
There's no one can beat him with us;
We think he is great when he hands out our checks,
He's a pretty straight sort of a cuss!

XII

That takes in each sample — now what do you bet
Each one's voltage is just about par;
Our capacity too, rates high it is true,
Can we help it if we're as good as we are?

The above was read at the Sample Department's Christmas parties.

$200 PAID FOR SUGGESTIONS

Two hundred dollars in cash awards was paid in 1938 to suggestion-minded people in the plant. John Puppolo was top man. Put your thinking cap on. It may mean cash for you!

SOCIALS

A "Straw Ride" was enjoyed by about thirty girls in the soldering section of the Paper Assembly Dept. on Dec. 3. The affair was held at Wenzel's Farm on the back road to Adams. A delicious chicken dinner was served and entertainment was provided by the Wenzel family.

See opposite "shots" of girls coasting.

The Boxing Dept. held a party and dance on Thursday evening, Dec. 29.

Last of the Holiday activities was a dance for foremen and their wives at the Richmond Hotel, Friday evening, Dec. 30.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

A Plea to the Wives of the Men in the 'Dog House'.

Forgive the poor man his deception,
At best his resistance is weak.
You know you can't hope for perfection,
And just now he is certainly meek.

He tried not to go to that party,
But what could the poor fellow do?
After hand-shakes and greetings hearty,
They convinced him 'twas his duty to.

After all it was the Christmas Season,
And near the end of a hard, sad year.
That seemed like an excellent reason,
How was he to know that you'd hear?

Now he's lost his smile — his walk is slow,
He finds life rather tough,
His face is so solemn — his spirits so low,
I'm sure he's been punished enough.

Mica Dept., in Department	Dec. 23
Paper Rolling, Blue Room, Richmond Hotel	Dec. 22 Evening
Sample Dept., in Department	Dec. 22 Noon
Impregnating, in Department	Dec. 23 Noon
Boxing, Florini's	Dec. 23 Afternoon
Plant, State Armory	Dec. 23 Evening
Paper Test, in Department	Dec. 23 Noon
Paper Assembly, in Department	Dec. 23 Noon
Wet Assembly, in Department	Dec. 23 Noon
Pretuner, Florini's	Dec. 23 Afternoon

About 800 employees attended the party given by the Company at the Armory, Friday evening, Dec. 23. Music was furnished by D'Amico's Orchestra.

Individual departments each had a tree and the members of its own group exchanged gifts.

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Birthday greetings to:

1. Fred Davis
   Delia Franzoni
   Julius Pedrin
2. Millie Cote
   Zita DelPonte
   Laura Lefebvre
   Henry Luczynski
   Sam Troia
3. Frances DiGennaro
   Antoinette DiLorenzo
4. Ernest Sorel
6. Jean McLagan
   Mials Robson
7. Theresa Catrambone
   George Senecal
8. Beatrice O'Brien
9. Beatrice Matranga
11. Anthony Bodzioch
    Charles Bourdon
    Lillian Mims
    Leon Richards
12. Thelma Boulerice
    Teddy Dziok
13. Pearl Robard
14. Merrill Combs
    Louis Gazzaniga
    Lena Lanoue
    Lucian Siciliano
15. Roma Beauchemin
    Angela Lefebvre
16. Gertrude Lefebvre
    Elizabeth Kenney
18. Arthur Bissaillon
    Marguerite Hanlon
19. Pansy Walden
20. Helen Barbeau
    Charles Belouin
    Joseph DeGrenier
    Francis Guzzi
22. Carmella Bernardi
    Richard Mazinski
23. Roger Dean
    Victoria Pevoski
    Phyllis Reimer
24. Jessie Farley
26. John Mattimore
27. Florence Beaudin
    Eleanor Carlow
    Edna Szurek
28. Helen Denno
29. Earl Strange
    Vera Talarico
30. Henry Anderson
    Edna Jones
    Dolores Miller
31. Carl Hansen

Editor's Note: Sorry the December birthday list was skipped, but you know them all by now!

GIRLS COASTING

Picture on left — front row, left to right: Christine Mazza, Lea Desrosier, Emily Cardimino, Blanche Cellana, Doris Blanchard, Jean McLagan. **Back row:** Doris Bernini, Theres Vetro.

Picture on right. Sitting: left to right: Christine Mazza, Emily Cardimino, Blanche Cellana, Peggy Daub, Lea Desrosier, **Standing:** Jean McLagan, Doris Blanchard.

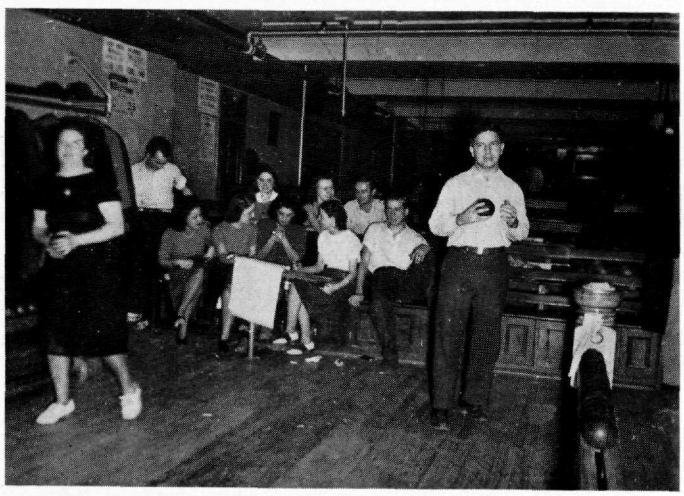
CHRISTMAS PARTY IN IMPREGNATING DEPT.

Left to right: Irene Jamros, Helen Jobin, Katie Bryce, Dorothy Davison, Zygamond Nazzewski, George Coody, Armond Vincelette and Joseph Fitzgerald, facing camera.

CHRISTMAS PARTY IN SAMPLE ROOM

Facing camera: Ray Calvi, Rita Bergeron, Henry Gamari, Phyllis Bunting. **Backs to camera:** Peter Mancuso, Marian Scarbeau, John Callahan, Rita Lapine, Ray Bishop. **Present, but not in picture:** Howard Sherman, Emma Underwood and Mary Bartlett.

SPRAGUE'S BASKETBALL TEAM



BOWLERS KEEP PINS FALLING

Sprague Bowling Teams have continued to score sensationally higher than competitors on local alleys. Among recent matches are victories by the Trimmers over the All Products; the Right-handers won by a two-point margin over the Lefthanders with a high string of 122 by J. Callahan who also had a three-string total of 332.

At the end of the first half of the season the Can Shop was in first place with the Pretuners second, and Products in third place.

The Sprague Girls are enjoying victories as well. Counted among their victims is the Clark Biscuit Girls' Team.

PAPER ROLLERS AT THE ALLEYS

Above: Rachel Godbout and John Smith. **Below:** June Lamoreux and Ernest Laframboise.

MIRACLE BASKETBALL FIVE HAS TOWN AGAPE

The Sprague Specialties basketball "mystery team", gathered together under the captaincy of Blink Wells a scant sixty days ago, and which has since dribbled and passed its way to the penthouse position of the local Dusty League today has set the North Adams basketball world by the ears.

As easily as lighting a match on a gravestone, the miracle Sprague hero team has overwhelmed the once mighty Banker Cigar five and swamped a luckless aggregation from the Arnold Print Works. They have also fed the hemlock of defeat to quintets from the Gale Shoe Co. and Benny's Market.

Captained and master-minded by Blink Wells, field-general of many a basketball campaign, and with such outstanding scorers as Novak, Iacuessa, Chet Zabek and Toots Bergeron, the Sprague "star-squad" includes Kopec, Skroki, Gazzaniga, Bodzioch, O'Neil, Millis and J. Zabek. A special dispatch to the "LOG" cites the team's spirit, team-work and classy uniforms as factors in putting the Sprague name in sport news headlines again and again.

Basketball, by the bye, is fast being recognized in newsreels and sports pages as one of the world's most spectacular games to watch. The sensational victory streak of the league-leading Sprague "Mystery Team" is expected to make attendance at the games one of the season's most popular social activities. The fair sex, particularly, is said to be clamoring for the opportunity to watch the dark horse stars in action. The "championship-overnight" performance of this Sprague Specialties team is sure to attract support as the fans vie with each other to get on the team's bandwagon.

Extra: Just prior to going to press, McMillan A. A., a new member of the league, edged Sprague 26-22.

BASKETBALL TEAM

Nos.

10. — Adolph "Jimmy" Zabek (Adams — '37) played on school team, — also with Kostkas of Adams.
13. — "Johnny" Kopec — (Adams — '35) 3 years on school team; captain senior year, — 2 years with "Saints".
4. — Joe Skrocki — 2 years with Kostkas and on several amateur teams.
3. — Bill O'Neil — St. Joseph's team in No. Adams and Y. M. C. A.
5. — Alfred "Toots" Bergeron (St. Joseph — '35), 4 years on team in North Adams, — played on Co. K National Guard and on several amateur teams.
9. — Francis "Jim" Millis — 3 years on St. Joseph's team and on several amateur teams in city.

Standing:

Coach "Blink" Wells — Graduated from Williamstown High 1929 and graduated from Springfield College (1933). Starred in all sports and was captain of football team at High — played all sports and was captain of baseball team at college. Has played professional baseball in South and at Scranton.

12. — "Tony" Bodzioch — played on Adams High School team and one year with Company M, National Guard.
8. — Louis "Ike" Iacuessa (Drury '38) — 3 years on Drury team — captain and star in senior year; has played on several amateur teams.
6. — William "Bush" Nowak — starred for "Saints" in Adams for 2 years.
7. — Louis "Chic" Gazzaniga (Drury '36) played on several amateur teams in city.
14. — "Chet" Zabek (Adams High '35) played basketball at school 3 years, starring in senior year. Also played 2 years with "Saints" of Adams.

Manager "Zig" Nazzewski (Drury '36) played football at Drury 4 years, — on track team at Drury 3 years, — Berkshire County Discus Champ in '35.

BASKETBALL

DECEMBER 1

Sprague	36	High scorers
Y. M. C. A.	17	Nowak and Gazzaniga

DECEMBER 4

Sprague	36	High scorers
171st C. C. C.	15	Nowak, Chet Zabek, Kopec

DECEMBER 5

Sprague	52	At Monroe Bridge
Eagles of Monroe	21	High scorers
Bridge		Kopec, Bergeron, Chet Zabek, Millis

DECEMBER 8

Sprague	11	High scorers
Arnold Print	33	Nowak, Chet Zabek, Bergeron

Double Header

DECEMBER 15

Sprague	32	High scorers
Gale's Shoe	19	Nowak and Iacuessa

DECEMBER 15

Sprague	55	High scorers
Benny's Market	26	Nowak, Chet and Jimmy Zabek

DECEMBER 18

Sprague	30	Scorers
Banker's Cigar	19	Iacuessa, Nowak, Chet Zabek and Wells

Banker's team before this last game was tied with Sprague's for first honors in Dusty League.

"HOBBY-LOBBYING" AT SPRAGUE'S

Webster defines a hobby as "a favorite pursuit or object". This being true, the hobby of many in the plant is their home and children. Ample evidence of this is found in the fine snapshots published in this issue of the "LOG".

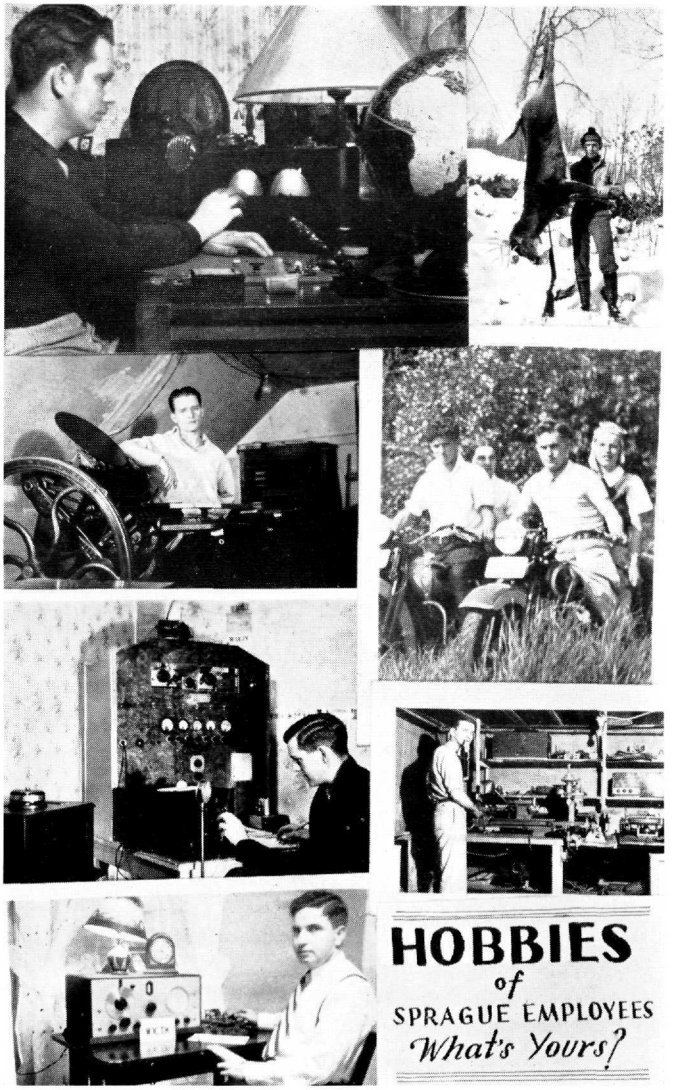
Raising homing pigeons is one hobby in which a few of the employees are interested. Howard Sherman (Sample Dept.), Bronislaw Sojkowski (Final Test) and Joseph Fitzgerald (Impregnating), have lofts of these birds.

It is easy to understand Sprague employees being interested in radio. There are several who, because of their love of radio and of tinkering, have developed into first class repair men. Many others have taken up transmitting. Among those who have transmitting licenses and spend much of their off-time "on the air" are: Frank Trifari (Laboratory), Earl Atkinson (Mica), John Smith (Paper Rolling), Fred Powers (Office), John Stockton (Methods), Edmond Roberts (Paper Rolling), and Edmond Warchol (Ovens Dept.)

Wendall Smith (Drafting), spends much of his spare time on his motorcycle. His wife shares his interest in this sport, and they both belong to national motorcycle clubs.

Photography seems to have been taken up by several. The work of some of our camera men is outstanding. A few of those interested either in taking or in developing and printing pictures are: Frederick Crosier; Raymond Bishop (Sample Dept.); Frederick Windover (Stock Room); and Wendall Smith (Drafting). Fred Crosier is the official "LOG" photographer, but during Fred's illness, Wendall Smith took the photo honors for this issue.

For some reason the men seem to be more inclined towards "Hobbying" than the girls. Perhaps we're wrong, — but let's be shown! Future "LOG" issues will tell more about Hobbies. How about some snapshots of YOU at your hobby? Some valuable ideas can be exchanged in this way, if you cooperate 100%.



IN GROUP OF PHOTOS OPPOSITE:

Left to right:

Gilbert Harris (Oven Dept.) claims "Amateur Radio" as his chief hobby.

Harry Haskins (Receiving Room) who was the only successful Sprague "Deer Hunter" for 1938.

Nelson Lesure (Dry Rolling) is well equipped for his "Commercial Printing" hobby.

Thrills during leisure time are supplied for Wendell Smith and wife via their motorcycle. The couple on right are Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Amateur radio conversations with people of distant lands is held by Al Durant (Laboratory) Amateur Transmitting No. 1 FCK.

Machinery intrigues Mathew Nazzewski shown with his wide assortment.

John Smith (Paper Rolling) is another of our Amateur Radio Transmitting wizards.

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Birthday greetings to:

1. Violet Barbeau
   Inez Masiero
   Rita Pedrin
   John O'Connell
2. Robert Teeple
   Frank Trifari
3. Norman Bourdon
   Margaret Steinberg
4. Lewis Cronin
   Evelyn Hartcraft
   Goldie Shea
5. Angela Abusi
   Dorothy Davis
   Margaret Petri
   Bertha Remillard
6. James Driscoll
8. Albert Bachand
   Julius Lapage
   Violet Scott
   Walter Wood
9. Doris Uyrus
10. Louis Angeli
    Barbara Beebe
    Catherine Ruggiero
11. Lillian Boyd
    Lillian Filiault
    Leslie Kent
    Daniel Shea
13. Nancy Trimarchi
14. H. Archambault
    Joel Pierce
15. Mary Cirullo
16. Mary Gamache
17. Esther Sullivan
18. Patsy Ditursi
    Harry Lovett
    Marie Piantoni
19. Harold Stevens
20. Earl Atkinson
    Irene Thomas
21. Adella Battory
    Harvey DeGrenier
23. Walter Clark
24. Elizabeth Fleury
    Austin Rogge
26. Anna Barbuto
    Frank Morandi
    Elsie Osterhoudt
    Anna Trottier
27. Jane Dufraine
    Harry Martin
    Helen Ronan
28. Margaret Atkinson
    Clara Parrish
29. Norma Rancatti

CHRISTMAS PARTY — PAPER TEST

Left to right: Front row: Angelo Gentile, Victor Pedrin. **Second row:** Gladys Czapla, Edna Reardon, Katherine Heath, Jimmy Driscoll, Hazel Horahan, Bessie Pessolano, Roma Sweeney, Josephine Pedrin. **Third row:** Chester Zabek, Blanche Bissaillon, Rita Mancini, Harold Brown, Clara Domenick, Regina Wronski, Esther Perrault, Gilda Warious, Maisie Rohane, Lawrence Laliberte. **Fourth row:** Viola Guilino, Dora Landry, Dorothy Custra, Dorothy Blanchard, William Spencer, Elizabeth Catrambone, Nellie Romanos. **Fifth row:** Ralph Blanchard.

PERSONALS

The following took their vacations in December:

Vera Talarico, Irene Pikul, Ann Roy, Annis O'Neil, William Turner, Harold and Evelyn Jones, Roy Trottier, Laura LeFebvre, Rose Pasotti, Alice Puppolo, Sarah Alcombright, Yvonne Bourdon, Flora Haumuller, Josephine Smolisky, Lillian Boyer, Angelina Granger, Marion Denault, Mary Fulginiti, Evelyn Robinson, Jeanette Fillion, Viola Harvey, Hattie Roy, Jack Sullivan, David Puppolo.

Sam and Mary Troia spent the holidays in Albany, N. Y.

Rose Giacco spent the New Year holidays in New York City.

Despite the poor weather conditions the following men tried their luck deer hunting, some in Vermont and some in Massachusetts. Only one, Harry Haskins (Receiving Room), was successful, but they all had a good time: Frank Godsey, Lauren Underwood, George Flood, Harry Haskins, Bob Boyer, Ray Crosier, Howard Sherman, Lewis Cronin, Albert Hamer, Arthur Caron, Harold Carson, Russell Comeau, James McDonough, Frank Szetela, Al Durant, Joe O'Brien.

Herman Schonfelder, on a recent fishing trip (thru the ice), caught 8 pickerel — one was 26 inches long and weighed 4½ lbs.!

We are glad to see back to work after their recent operations: Marion Caron (Employment Office), Marion Strange (Pretuner), and Alfred Pellerin (Mica).

We were pleased to have William Bellows (Machine Shop) visit us a few days ago. He has been in a Connecticut hospital for treatment for several weeks. He is not able to return to work yet, but is much improved.

Due to complications, John Mahoney (Formation) was unable to leave the Chelsea Hospital for Christmas as he had hoped, but his present condition is good and we hope to see him soon.

Among recent promotions of Company K National Guard were two of our men — Harold Brown (Paper Test) to Sergeant and George Benoit (Mica) to acting Corporal.

WEDDING BELLS

LALIBERTE-BUNTING. Edna Bunting (Dry Rolling) to Lawrence Laliberte (Check Inspection) on June 26.

WELLS-GORCZYCA. Godfrey Wells (Ovens) to Ferdinanda Gorczyca at St. Stanislaus Church, Adams, Nov. 24.

FOOTE-THERRIEN. William Foote (Paper Assembly) to Rita Therrien at St. Francis Church, Dec. 31.

WILLIAMS-HANLON. Marguerite Hanlon (Wet Assembly) to Edward Williams at St. Francis Church, Dec. 31.

NEW SONS

Dec. 1. To **Mr. and Mrs. Vernon King.** Mrs. King is Mary of Paper Assembly and Mr. King is Vernon of Wet Assembly.

Dec. 24. To **Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith.** Mrs. Smith is the former Alice Dustin (Paper Assembly).

NEW DAUGHTERS

Dec. 6. **Barbara,** to **Mr. and Mrs. John Stockton.** Dad works in Methods Dept.

Dec. 19. **Joan,** to **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gamari.** Dad works in the Exports Dept.

ENGAGEMENTS

BERGERON-DUVAL. Paul Bergeron (Dry Rolling) to Dorothy Duval.

BENOIT-VINCELETTE. Laura Vincelette to George Benoit, both employed in the Mica Dept.

FERRIS-SOLOMAN. Elizabeth Soloman (Paper Assembly) to Ferris Ferris.

BISHOP-LAPINE. Rita Lapine to Raymond Bishop; both employed in the Sample Dept.

SHIELDS-RICE. Jack Shields (Mica) to Mary Rice.

MASIERO-JAMROS. Irene Jamros (Impregnating) to Angelo Masiero.

DURANT-PINSONAULT. Edward Durant (Paper Rolling) to Ruth Pinsonault.

1. Conchita Marie, 3 years; daughter of Nettie (Paper Rolling) and Louis Angeli formerly of Boxing Dept.
2. Bobby, son of Ernest Purpura (Engineering Dept.).
3. Barbara Dean, daughter of Marion (Paper Rolling) and Roger (Mica).
4. Mary, daughter of Russel and Mary Comeau with Bobby, son of Jim and Agnes McDonough.
5. Shirley, 2½ years, daughter of Ann Roy (Mica).
6. Marie Landry, daughter of the late Patrick Landry, formerly of Oven Dept., and Dora (Paper Test).
7. Florence Nancy, 1½ years, daughter of Florence Blair (Paper Assembly).
8. Walter — 6 years, and Donald — 4 years; sons of Beatrice Martin (Paper Assembly).
9. Jacqueline, 14 months, daughter of Wanda Dubis (Rolling Dept.) and Fred Dubis, formerly of the Can Shop.
10. Mary Lou, 10 months, daughter of Lena Lanoue (Mica Dept.).
11. Anita and Bobby, children of Ora Carsno (Paper Assembly).
12. Bobby, son of Ernest Purpura under the Christmas tree.
13. Jeannene, daughter of Jeannette Lawrence (Mica).